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The leading group in the 1987 Elfstedentocht (the Eleven Cities Skating Race), approaches one of the 11 Cities. This event is held in the Dutch Province of Friesland, but only if the ice is 15cm thick. More interesting information on this great Dutch tradition on pages 22-23.

Social Functions Calendar & Clubhouse Details

Keep up recommended hygiene practices until everyone has been fully vaccinated. Below please find the proposed Functions Calendar for Neerlandia Events and Sub-Club activities for the months of July, August and early September.

July 2021:		
Sun 4	Sunday Drive	starts at10.30am
Mon 5,12,19,26	Hollandia Billiard Club	9.30am
Wed 7, 21	Wednesday Bingo	11am
Thurs 1,8,15,22,29	Thursday Night Card C	<u>Club</u> 7pm
Thurs 1,15,29	Neerlandia Seniors' Cla	<u>ub</u> 10am
Fri 30	Maas & Waal Borrel (Held at Myaree)	6pm
August 2021:		
Sunday 1	Neerlandia Anniversar (see page 18 for details	
Sun 8	Sunday Drive Note: Second Sunday)	starts at10.30am
Sunday 22	The Tivoli Show (See page 9 for more de	etails)
Mon 2,9,16,23,30	Hollandia Billiard Club	9.30am
Wed 4, 18	Wednesday Bingo	11am
Thurs 5,12,19,26	Thursday Night Card C	Club 7pm
Thurs 12,26	Neerlandia Seniors' Cla	<u>ub</u> 10am
Fri 27	Maas & Waal Borrel (Held at Morley)	6pm
September 2021:		
Sun 12	Sunday Drive Note: Second Sunday	starts at 10.30am

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Neerlandia is using the
Rhein-Donau Clubhouse for
all their activities.
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President's Report & our Questionnaire



Beste Medelanders,

We are already half way through the year, how quickly have the months have gone.

There is still time to send in your response to our questionnaire. Replies have been coming in steadily. John Zwartkruis is busy collecting all the responses, that will keep him busy, despite all the other things he has on his plate.

It has been very encouraging to see that the number of students for the **Dutch Conversation Language** course has increased. There are still a few spots available for those, who want to join these classes.

The increasing success has been completely due to Machiel's and LanguageOne's efforts. Thanks guys.

We have had a minor glitch at the Morley Windmills Clubhouse as the toilet refurbishments (organized and executed by the City of Bayswater) have taken a little longer than

originally anticipated, hence we had to move the June Maas & Wall Borrel one week.

We cant wait for the works to be completed as this would be a very welcome change.

During the June Committee meeting we invited the Morley Windmills **Executive Committee Members to** join our meeting. This is another great step to further strengthening the relationship and pave the way to move forward.

Groeten,

Eric van Waaijenburg. President.

News about the HELP Flyer and the Questionnaire that was enclosed in the Neerlandia June Magazine.

We have received many responses. To all those who did, A VERY BIG THANK YOU!

Some suggestions have already been implemented, as you will find out when you read this magazine.

Examples: The return of the traditional Dutch Recipes and the continuation of stories about our Dutch History.

Others ideas require more time to develop and coordinate, but they are being worked on or are up for consideration by your Neerlandia Committee.

SO, PLEASE COMPLETE AND SEND IN YOUR RESPONSE TO OUR **QUESTIONAIRE AND HELP SHAPE OUR FUTURE TOGETHER!**

Jan Zwartkruis.

Recipes: The Dutch Kitchen

Traditional Dutch Recipes – Boerenkool with Dutch Rookworst.

Several Members have requested that we show them how to use traditional Dutch Recipes. As winter is upon us, following is a traditional staple meal that every Dutch family must have served on their dinner table during winter. Please adjust the ingredients according to your family size.

(To serve 2 people.)

Cooking time: 30 mins

Ingredients:

- ..# 500 grams of Boerenkool or Kale, cut and cleaned.
- ..# About 8 potatoes.
- ..# 1 "Rookworst" Polish Sausage closest substitute. (Rookworst is available from Elmar, the Dutch Shop in Guilford and Aldi occasionally.)

Optional:

- ..# Small chunks of bacon
- ...# 1 onion
- ...# 4 cloves of garlic

Tools:

- ...# Large pan high enough to cook the potatoes and Boerenkool at the same time.
- ...# A potato masher

How to prepare:

Peel the potatoes and cut them in half or thirds. Put them in the pan and fill the pan up with water until the potatoes are just covered in water.

If you have Boerenkool (Kale) from a bag, just put the 500 grams on top of the potatoes.

If you have fresh Boerenkool, clean it completely and cut it into small pieces, then put it on top of the potatoes and water. Your pan will probably be filled to the top, but that's fine. The Boerenkool will shrink a lot.

After about 25 to 30min it should be ready. Check often during the cooking period and don't cook it too fast, but just let it cook gently. The Boerenkool should have shrunk quite a bit and the potatoes should be cooked enough to mash them.

Now take the Rookworst and follow the instructions on the package to warm it up. It can be done in water or in the microwave. You can also add it to your pan with Potatoes and Boerenkool, about 10 minutes before they are cooked.

When you take the pan from the stove, you have to extract the cooking fluids. Put them into a separate bowl as you might need them again.

Then use the masher to mash the potatoes and Boerenkool into one big stew. If it is very dry, you can add some of the cooking fluids. Also, it is recommended to remove some potatoes at first and only add the rest if you wish. Usually around 8 to 10 potatoes is good, but it depends on whether you like it with more potato or whether you prefer it to have more Boerenkool. Play with the amount of potatoes to give it the perfect mixture / flavour that you desire and remember for next time.

Take the Rookworst, cut it into slices and serve it alongside the stew on the plates.

Optional:

If you like to give it an extra twist, you can fry the onion, bacon, and garlic (or only one of these ingredients) and add it to the end stew. Enjoy!

Sent in by John Zwartkruis.



The Tivoli Show - 22nd August



The Neerlandia Junior Club

Our Day-trip to Rottnest at the beginning of 2021.

While we are all shivering due to very cold start of this winter, let's wind back the time to earlier this year, when we still had balmy summer weather.

To be more precisely, in January this year the Neerlandia Junior Club organized their annual Rottnest Day Trip and a number of families participated.

To make the most of the limited time available in only one day, the group left very early on a Sunday morning, as they took the 8 am Rottnest Ferry.



Time for a ballgame on beach, such as catchball or dodgeball.

You might think that's an easy task, but as more than 50% of the group consisted of High School and University students and parents; you probably get the picture.

After an uneventful crossing, we landed on Rottnest and just as the last time, the activities on the Island started with a visit to the Dome Café.

This outing, by the way, was part of the Sponsorship activities of the Neerlandia Club for their Neerlandia Members.

The activities planned for the day were mainly cycling, resting, eating and chatting, which we did first of all. And after a while we once again cycled, rested, and chatted.

This Day-trip to Rottnest always gives some of those hard working people, that are active in Neerlandia, a good closure after a busy year.

It takes a lot of effort and dedication to manage one's own responsibilities such as work, family, business, kids, school and running the Neerlandia Club or the Junior Club.

We are now about halfway through the calendar year, let's look forward to a nice warm summer.

Pictures taken by some of the participants.

Machiel.



The Orange Guard is ready for adventure.



More Orange Guard Members on the ferry; this group of orange T-shirts wearers, certainly turned some heads on Rottnest Island.

The Morley - Windmills Soccer report

22nd May.

U18s: Dianella White Eagles 0 v Morley Windmills 6.

RESERVES: Dianella White Eagles 2 v Morley Windmills 2.

1st Team:

Dianella White Eagles 2 v Morley Windmills 1.

Billed as the match of the round, with Morley up against the unbeaten league leaders Dianella, who have spent a small fortune on their squad this season.

Morley matched Dianella throughout the game and were unlucky no to come away with at least a point. Leigh Morgan with a cracker of a goal from outside the penalty area in the first half.

29th May.

18s: Morley Windmills 4 Curtin University 0.

RESERVES: Morley Windmills 2 Curtin University 4.

1st Team:

Morley Windmills 0 Curtin University 2.

An extremely disappointing result following the fantastic performance the week before against Dianella. Boys started the game well and should have been ahead at half time. However, the team did not show the same drive in the 2nd half, allowing Curtin to score in the 60th and 96th min.

5th June.

U18s: Kingsley Westside 2 Morley Windmills 5. Great result against the previously undefeated Kingsley.

RESERVES: Kingsley Westside 2 Morley Windmills 0.

1st Team:

Kingsley Westside 2 Morley Windmills 1.

Morley played the second placed Kingsley Westside under lights at their home ground. We totally controlled the first 20 mins. Score at HT was 0-0. Kingsley took the lead at the start of the second half before they scored again in the 60th min. Morley rallied pulled a goal back in the 77th min through Gus PERSSON. Morley pushed hard for the equalizer but it didn't come.

12th June.

U18s: Morley Windmills 2 Joondalup City 5. A score line that did not reflect the true indication and dominance of Morley in the game against the undefeated top team.

RESERVES: Morley Windmills 0 Joondalup City 6

1st Team:

Morley Windmills 2 Joondalup City 2

Morley took an early lead through a Ryan TREACY penalty before Joondalup equalized. In the 75th min. Gus PERSSON made it 2-1 and there where hopes for a much needed victory, only for Joondalup to score in the 82nd minute.

19th June.

U18s: Kelmscott Roos 1 Morley Windmills 12. A huge win by this very good team.

RESERVES: Kelmscott Roos 1 Morley Windmills 1. A good performance and a hard fought point.

1st Team:

Kelmscott Roos 2 Morley Windmills 2.

A very disappointing performance.

Standings:

U18s: 3rd on 23 points behind Kingsley on 25 points and Joondalup on 30 points.

RESERVES: 6th on 15 points, 10 points behind the leaders Joondalup City.

1st Team: 8th on 12 points and only 5 points outside of top 4 that is need to progress to promotion playoffs.

Sean Gartland, Morley Windmills.



The under 18's have a very good team.

The battles against the sea and rivers by the Dutch

Creation of new land known as Polders – 2nd edition.

We discussed how polders came into existence in our 1st edition. We also listed a number of polders created by name. In this edition, we will explore some of these polders in greater detail.

De Krimpenerwaard - South of Gouda.



It was first recorded in 944 as Lacke et Isla (Lek en IJssel). It was a large peat area which was in some places 10 meters thick. Later it became known as "Neederweert van Crympen" & "Crympenrewairt", before finally becoming known by the current name, Krimpenerwaard. A little more than 1,000 years ago, the region was sparsely populated, due to the continuous burden of inundation by water. People busied themselves with hunting, fishing

and farming, but on a small scale. But the region was noticeably higher than the water level in the surrounding rivers.

Between 1000 and 1300, work had started to reclaim the wild marshes through an agreement between the Bishop of Utrecht, who had been granted ownership of this region by King Hendrik IV of the German Empire in 1064. The system was known as "Cope", which in essence was an agreement between the landowner and those reclaiming the land. It involved instructions on how the reclamation was to be completed, as well as the eventual taxes that needed to be paid.

The name of "Cope" finds itself replicated in surrounding place names like Benschop, Williskop, Papekop and Galecop.



The battles against the sea and rivers by the Dutch



The length of land to be reclaimed was measured as 6 "voorling", which is about 1,250 meters. New drains were built to allow water to flow to one of the three rivers Lek, Hollandse IJssel and Vlist. Ditches were built perpendicular to one another, to allow the flow of water to be as effective as possible.

From the 13th to the 14th Century, the area changed from growing grains to growing Hemp. Later, the farming of dairy cattle became an important source of income.

During the winter of 1421-1422, the water level of the rivers was so high that the Lekdijk (dike on the Lek) gave way. This was part of the St Elisabeth's Flood and just about the whole of the Krimpenerwaard was flooded. It took three years before all the water had disappeared.

Alblasserwaard – where you find the UN Heritage listed Kinderdijk.

The geology of the formation of this area is the same. There were marshes that had peat as thick as 14 meters in places. The name "Waard" means: "Surrounded by water". The name was formed by joining the name of the river Alblas and Waard and was first noted in 1383. Before then it was referred to as: "The land between the Lek and Merwede". The whole region is surrounded by no less than six rivers.

Like all areas in the Netherlands, this area was frequently inundated by water from the nearby river. The result was deposits of sand and silt, which caused the formation of clay. The need for lowering the water levels within the land areas used for agriculture became more acute, as more floods caused great damage. That's why in 1277, Count Floris V of Holland and The Lords of Holland came to an agreement to build a dike all the way around this region. At this time the Hoogheemraadschap for Alblasserwaard and the regional water authorities for Nederwaard and Overwaard were established, with the task of maintaining the surrounding waterways and dikes.

In 1369, a canal (De Nieuwe Waterschap) was dug to take water from here to the river "Groote Achterschap" which had lochs near Elshout. This way they had effective control over water levels.

Before the year 1200, place names recorded were Arkel, Hardinxveld and Langerak,

The battles against the sea and rivers by the Dutch

Papendrecht and Sliedrecht, as well as Gorichem aan de Linge and Peursum aan de Giessen. The population, in the beginning of the 11th Century, earned their income from growing of grains and later on hemp, dairy industry as well as fishing, catching birds (Husbandry of Ducks and Geese) and later shipbuilding as well as works to do with water management. The Hemp was grown to make Ropes and Sails for Shipping.

The Bommelerwaard.



It has been an area of land surrounded by the Rivers Maas in the East and South, the Waal in the North and Afgedamde Maas in the West. The area is 147.6 Km² and a trip all the way around is 66 Km.
They started to build dikes along the rivers

They started to build dikes along the rivers during the 12th Century. They started in the East and finished in the West around the beginning of the 14th

Century, as evidenced by the granting of dike rights to the Bommelerwaard by Count Reinald II of Gelre in 1327.

Before this date, the Count had given permission to build waterways in two locations, so as to allow rainwater to run into one of the three surrounding rivers. Whilst the river water was kept at bay by the dikes, rainwater was now trapped with nowhere to go. Over time, people have altered the course of the rivers by removing certain meandering bends in the river. In 1595 and during the 17th Century, the river dikes were breached at least 7 times (1634, 1651, 1658, 1662, 1666, 1674 & 1697). This was repeated 5 times during the 18th Century (1709, 1757, 1764, 1781 & 1799). During the 19th Century a further 7 breaches occurred (1809, 1820, 1833, 1849, 1850, 1855 & 1861).

WARS.

During the middle ages, when the wealthy landowners of Brabant, Gelre, Holland and to a lesser extent Utrecht were feuding, the Bommelerwaard was the centrepiece of all the fighting. Even during the 80-year war with Spain, Zaltbommel was the target of fighting twice in 1574 & 1599. In 1672, referred to in history as "Rampjaar" (Year of disaster), the Republic of the Seven United Netherlands was attacked by The English, French and Bishops of Münster and Cologne. French soldiers were responsible for a lot of the total destruction in this region.

During World War II, the Bommelerwaard was again a major theatre of war. German parachutists landed here in 1940. During the winter of 1944-1945, the Maas, which flows along the east and south, formed the front line. Most of the population was evacuated. Due to the heavy shelling, few villages along the Maas survived. High buildings, especially Church towers were blown up by the Germans, as these were used by the Allies as orientation markers.

Compiled by John Zwartkruis from the internet.

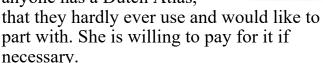
Ditjes and Datjes & New Members

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE REGARDING THE JULY MAGAZINE.

Please note that the next Neerlandia magazine, that is published, will be the September 2021 issue. (No August issue)

Assistance needed. Can you Help!

We have received a request from Sietske Haring, if anyone has a Dutch Atlas,



Contact:

Sietske Haring,

Mob: 0407 088 609.



As of the 1st of July2021, those Members that usually watch BVN on their television via their satellite dish, will no longer be able to do so.

However, the program, minus the Flemish part, can still be seen on the internet. It will also be possible to stream the program from the internet direct onto your TV, but that needs a special gadget at the back of your TV. Several people had it installed at a cost of appr. \$300.

However, Alex the Installer, has informed me that presently he has more orders than gadgets and that they are very hard to get. As soon as he has more supplies he will let me know.

Life Story-telling; a workshop to get you started.

The Fellowship of Australian Writers WA (FAWWA) will run a five-session workshop on *Life Story-telling* on Saturday mornings from 8 October-5 November 2021. This interactive workshop will be held at FAWWA's Mattie House in Swanbourne.

Sessions will run for three hours at a cost of \$75 for the workshop overall (or \$15 a session). Morning tea will be provided.

Dr Helena Studdert and Mr Machiel van der Stelt will facilitate the sessions. Helena has recently published her father's life story: "No bed of roses, Theo's Story", and Machiel has drawn on Dutch history to write a series of young adult short stories: "Surf of Liberty, Chocolate for Anne Frank and The Framed Van Gogh Paradox." Both our facilitators believe in the importance of sharing life and writing experiences and are keen to help people to record their story.

If you have always wanted to tell your own life history, this supportive and encouraging workshop is for you. Join us at Mattie House and learn how you might record your life's journey.

Expressions of interest should be sent to: fellowshipaustralianwriterswa@gmail.com

NEERLANDIA WELCOMES THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS.

Rick Hollamby
Ann Hollamby
Rene Haagen
Wytske Tulp
Sjef de Jong
Trudy Classens
Emma Zwartkruis
Tim Tucker
Tamara Green
Clint Green
Rudi Haverhoek
Jane Wright
Joy Akerboom
Luke Gilbert

King's Day Celebrations at Morley

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On Friday 28 May the long awaited Konings Maas & Waal Borrel finally took place. This traditional Orange Event is normally held on the last Friday of April, but COVID regulations had pushed it to a later month. About 70 Club Members, friends and children donned their orange gear to enjoy a truly pleasant Dutch party at the Club house of Morley Windmills. One couple was dressed in a Gouda outfit, with printed stroopwafels, cheese, gable houses and the like. Yes, the attendance was a lively gathering of younger and older Members and their (grand) children.

As per tradition, the kids had brought a "kleedje" – a rug, to sit on for the purpose of exchanging or selling their unwanted toys and books. This resulted in lots of excitement amongst the parents and the children themselves.

The teachers of LanguageOne, the Dutch school in Perth, had made a great effort to have parents and children engaging in board games and old fashioned group games, of which "spijkerpoepen" was a smashing hit.

Another highlight was the amazing Dutch food prepared by Armanda: The thick pea soup with rookworst, boerenkool with gravy and rookworst, saté with pinda saus and





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King's Day Celebrations at Morley

crispy hot chips, bitterballen, kroketten and delicious appeltaart.

Everyone enjoyed a feast that evening.

Thank you Neerlandia Committee, LanguageOne and Armanda's Kitchen for organising this event!

Everyone had a ball; every picture tells a story.

Lianna Parker.









The Bingo Page



NEERLANDIA BINGO ON WEDNESDAY.

Day Games only. 7th and 21st of July. 4th and 18th of August. 1st,15th and 29th of September





Lunch, a bowl of soup with bun is \$7.50, at cost. Coffee/tea/biscuits free, self help.



Bingo on Wednesday 26th May. With 29 players we had a great time playing Bingo.



Bingo on Wednesday 9th June. Despite the bad weather, we still had 26 players at the tables.

BINGO BULLETIN. From your friendly Bingo Organiser.

A number of players received special prizes on top of their normal winnings. Henk Uyen, Ida van der Kooij, Hennie James and Ria Nissen played for free (\$10). The large bags of snickers were won by John van Gentevoort and Greta van Sant. The \$25.—loaded games were won by Louis Marcus (\$42), while Gerry James and Ria Nissen shared the \$40.-

The Neerlandia sponsored Ferrero chocolates were won by **Dora van der List and Henk Smit.** The **Jackpot** reached \$52.— and it did not go off. Making the next games all the more exciting. So come along and join in the fun and be part of the thrill of winning!!!!! Henk Oorschot and Louis James. For info, call Henk on 9256 1977

News from the Neerlandia Card Club

Thursday Night Card Club.

The very first competition of 2021 was completed on June the 20th. It was shorter than usual, only 12 weeks instead of the customary 14 weeks.

During the competition we lost 2 valued players, Barbera Penello and Bettina Tonkin, but Piet Segers returned after a long break. Competition for the prizes was intense, and the 1st prize winner was only decided on the very last night, when Thijs Gorter was bypassed by Piet Leeflang.

The prize winners were:

Klaverjassen:

1st Prize: Piet Leeflang
2nd Prize: Thijs Gorter
3rd Prize: Joke Leeflang
57182 points.
56345 points.
55325 points.

Average score: Henk Smit 53491 points. Marsen prize: Joke Brussaard and Jo Smit shared, both with 24 marsen.

Bolivia: Weekly players: Frieda Wochnic. Meanwhile the second competition of the year has started.

Sunday Drive held on Sunday 6th of June.

The Corona Virus caused lockups, social distancing and the compulsory wearing of masks and the end result was, that we had not had a Sunday Drive Tournament since March 2020.

So it was with great anticipation that we finally resumed our monthly Sunday Drive on Sunday the 6th of June 2021.

After all that time we had no idea what the number of participants would be, but we were hoping for at least 3 tables.

And we were pleasantly surprised that at 10.30am, when play started, we had 16 players, which was enough for 4 tables.

When the Members arrived, there was a cup of Coffee and a "Gevulde Koek" waiting for them.

We were lucky, that John Lagerwey (Ome Jan), who normally gets dropped off by his daughter, also brought his wife along. And he told us that, if she was needed, she was willing to play. And we needed her

The Sunday Klaverjas Drives.

Join us on Sunday 12 September, 7 November and 5 December for a



Klaverjas Competition. There are 3 prizes for the three highest scores. The entry fee includes a light Lunch, 2 Cups of Coffee and cake (Koek) on arrival.

The Karl's Bar Lounge opens at 9.30am for Coffee.

Play begins 10.30am and the games will be stopped at 2.00pm.

Fees:

Neerlandia Members: \$12.00 Guests: (Maximum 3 times as a non-Member) \$15.00 Non-Playing Members \$10.00

desperately.

She did enjoy the day and said, health permitting, would like to come again. Thank you for participating.

.After a tense battle of 4 games, only interrupted by a tasty lunch, the winners were announced. Only 51 points separated the first and second placegetters.

Sunday Drive:

1. Piet Segers	6871
2. Bart Struyke.	6820
3. Con van der Putten	6712
Piet Leeflang, president.	



Prize winners were: Piet Segers 1st; Bart Struyke 2nd and Con van der Putten 3rd.

The Seniors' Club pages

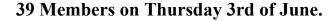


Welcome to the Neerlandia Seniors' page.

On the 20th of May, all the ladies received one of these beautiful Cyclamen for Mothers day. It was a delayed presentation because there was no Club meeting on Thursday the 6th of May, as the Club was closed due to the Covid restrictions imposed.

On the same day we welcomed 3 new Members, Ans van Halteren, Bart Struyke and Marina Bull. As well, John Zwartkruis has joined the Committee of the Seniors' Club. He will also take over the role of Events Co-ordinator from Henk Oorschot. When you get this Magazine, we are only days away from our bus trip and lunch to the Noble Falls Tavern. (9th July). As we are having coffee and lamingtons before we go, please be at the Club House not later than 10am. The bus must leave at 10.45am sharp!!

31 Members on Thursday 20th of May.















The Seniors' Club pages & Dutch Liquor

Some more Seniors' page.

I would like to extend an invitation to all Neerlandia Club Members to come and attend the next Seniors day in Myaree. You will find it a rewarding experience and you will enjoy the coffee, the lunch and the various games we play. Call Henk on 9256 1977 for more info.

31 Members on Thursday 17th of June.







DUTCH Advocaat, Jenevers en Bessen liquer.

Are you looking for Dutch spirits in Perth?

We have a limited stock of the following 1 litre bottles:

- ...# ...Jonge jenever \$65
- ...# ...Citroen jenever \$60
- ..# ... Citroen brandewijn \$50
- ...# ... Coebergh bessen likeur \$40
- ..# ... Oude jenever (traditional stone bottle) \$70

Please contact Lianna on 0437 629 635 to place your order and to arrange pick up.













Advocaat and Jenever.

While exercising social distancing, it is still possible to pick up your Dutch Liquor from Lianna Parker in West Leederville.

Call 0437 629 635 to arrange pick up, please. Cash payment or bank transfer only. (not available from 13 July to 16 October)

Lianna.



Neerlandia Anniversary Lunch - 1 August

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A delicious 3 Course Mystery Menu.

HMMMM – Dat ziet er zo lekker uit. (That looks so delicious.)

All Members are invited to celebrate the 52nd Anniversary of Neerlandia.

When – 01 August 2021 – Arrive from 11:30AM – Lunch served 12:30PM Where – The Rhein Donau Club – 110 North Lake Rd, Myaree





Chef Boby has offered a menu that will be just as enjoyable, if not better, than that of our Welcome Back Lunch in March. Want to know what it will be?

You have to be there.

Did you miss out then? Ask someone who was there for their opinion.

We created a great Dutch atmosphere, and everyone had an enjoyable time.

There will be some new ways for all to enjoy our day as well as lucky prizes.

This event is subsidised by your Neerlandia Committee.
Financial Members: \$20.00 Non (financial) Members: \$50.00

Book early to avoid disappointment.

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Painting by Otto van Veen – 1574 – 1629 – on display in het Rijksmuseum Amsterdam

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ASSISTANCE REQUIRED - To allow us to cater for this afternoon, we require donations of all types of materials such as; Old Wool, remnants of material, lids and bottle tops, 600 ml size plastic bottles with tops on, small cardboard boxes, plastic containers such as Margarine and Yoghurt containers, empty toilet rolls, waste timber pieces that can easily be handled such as plywood, MDF but not 4x4 or 4x2 lengths of timber, ceramic tiles either whole or broken, terracotta flowerpots, wooden BBQ skewers or short lengths of steel that can be used as axles, pop sticks, wooden wash pegs etc. Remember the things you used to make when you were kids. Collect and store them at home in a cardboard box. We will call for them at the appropriate time, or simply bring along on the day.

This promises to be a fun afternoon for the whole family.

We look forward to seeing all of you on that day.

May a bit of Humour light up your Day

Dear Dad.

It is with great regret and sorrow that I'm writing the following to you: "I had to elope with my new girlfriend Stacy, because I wanted to avoid a scene with Mum and you. I've been finding real passion with Stacy; and she is so nice.



However, I knew you would not approve of her because of her piercings, tattoos, and punk clothes. Also, she is so much older than me. But it's not only the passion, Dad. She's pregnant. Stacy said that we will be very happy. She owns a trailer in the woods and has a stack of firewood for the whole winter. We share a dream of having many more children. Stacy opened my eyes that marijuana doesn't really hurt anyone. We'll be growing it for ourselves and trading it with other people in the commune for all the cocaine and ecstasy we

In the meantime, we'll pray that science will find a cure for AIDS, so Stacy can get better. She sure deserves it.

Don't worry Dad. I'm 15 and I know how to take care of myself. Someday, I'm sure we will be back to visit, so you can get to know your many grandchildren." Love, Joshua.

P.S. – Dad, none of the above is true. I'm over at Jason's house. I just wanted to remind you that there are worse things in life than the school report that's on the kitchen table. Call when it is safe for me to come home.

Growing up.

A group of kindergarten kids were trying to become accustomed to the first grade class. The biggest hurdle they faced was that the teacher insisted on baby talk.

"You need to use big people's words." she always reminded them.

She asked Chris what he had done over the weekend.

"I went to visit my Nanna." he said.

"No, you went to visit your grandmother. Use

big people words!" She then asked Mitchell what he had done. "I took a ride on a choochoo."

She said: "No. you took a ride on a train. Use

big people words!".

Then she asked Bobby what he had done.

"I read a book." he replied.

"That's wonderful!" the teacher said. "What book did you read?"

Bobby thought about it, then puffed out his little chest with great pride and said:

"Winnie the Shit."



In a train compartment, there are three men and a ravishing young girl. The young girl proposes: "If each of you give me \$1.00,



I will show you my legs."

The men, charmed by this young girl, all pull out \$1.00 from their wallets.

The girl then pulls up her dress a bit and shows them her legs.

Then she says: "If each of you gentlemen give me \$10.00, I will show you my thighs."

The gullible men, being what they are, each gave her the \$10.00.

The girl now pulls up her dress all the way, to reveal her legs in full.

Conversation continues and the men, who by now are a bit excited, have taken off their coats. Then the girl says: "If you give me \$100, I will show you where I was operated on for appendicitis."

All three eagerly handed over the money. The girl then turned to the window and points to a large building in the distance.

"See there that very big building with all those windows in the distance, that's the Hospital where I had it done."

The Elfstedentocht, the 11 Cities Tour



Last month I promised to write about the Elfstedentocht, the Eleven Cities tour – a long distance skating event on natural ice. Make yourself a hot chocolate, wrap yourself up and indulge in a very Dutch winter story.

The *Elfstedentocht* (English: *Eleven Cities tour*) is a long-distance tour skating event on natural ice, almost 200 kilometres (120 mi) long, which is held both as a speed skating competition (with 300 contestants) and a leisure tour (with 16,000 skaters). It is held in the province of Friesland in the North of the Netherlands, leading past all eleven historical Cities of the province. The tour is held at most once a year, only when the natural ice along the entire course is at least 15 centimetres (6 in) thick; sometimes on consecutive years, other times with gaps that may exceed 20 years. When the ice is suitable, the tour is announced and starts within 48 hours.

Course and rules.

The tour, almost 200 km in length, follows a closed or circular route along frozen canals, rivers and lakes visiting the eleven historic Frisian Cities of Leeuwarden, Sneek, IJlst, Sloten, Stavoren, Hindeloopen, Workum, Bolsward, Harlingen, Francker, Dokkum, then returning to Leeuwarden. The tour is held only if the ice is, and remains, at least 15 centimetres thick along the entire course as about 16,000 amateur skaters will take part, putting high requirements on the quality of the ice. The last tours were held in 1985, 1986 and 1997. All skaters must be Members of the Association of the Eleven Frisian Towns. A starting permit and bib is required (€100 in 2017). Skaters must collect a stamp in each city, and at three secret check points, and must finish the course before midnight.

There are often small sections along the route, where the ice is too thin to allow mass skating; they are

called "kluning points" - meaning to run on skates over a carpet, and the skaters walk on their skates to the next stretch of good ice. In 1997 icetransplantation was re-introduced to strengthen weak places in the ice, for instance under bridges.

The finishing point of the Elfstedentocht is a canal near Leeuwarden, called the "Bonkevaart", close to the landmark windmill, De Bullemolen, Lekkum.

Planning and publicity.

Since the Elfstedentocht is such a rare event, its declaration creates excitement all over the country. In the build-up to a possible race in 2012, Mark Rutte, the Dutch Prime Minister remarked: "Once every fifteen years our country is not governed from The Hague but by twenty -two district heads in Friesland. And our country is in good hands." As



Ice too thin? Walk or run to thicker Ice!

soon as a few days pass with sub-zero temperatures, the media start speculating about the chances for an Elfstedentocht. The longer the freezing temperatures stay, the more intense this "Elfstedenkoorts" (eleven Cities fever) gets, culminating in a national near-frenzy when it is announced that the tour will actually be held. The day before the tour, many Dutch flock to Leeuwarden to enjoy the party atmosphere that



Darkness does not stop the skaters.



Tour of 1954.

The Elfstedentocht, the 11 Cities Tour



surrounds the event; that evening, called the "Nacht van Leeuwarden" (Night of Leeuwarden), becomes a giant street party (Frisians, who have a reputation for surliness, are said to thaw when it freezes).

On the day of the tour, many Dutch either stay at home to watch it on television (9.2 million viewers by one estimate) or find a place along the route to cheer the skaters on, either taking the

day off or calling in sick for work. In February 2012, Friesland hotels were fully booked and expecting between 1.5 and 2 million visitors in anticipation of a tour, as the weather seemed suitable. Then it was announced that the ice was thawing and the tour was cancelled.

There has been mention of skaters visiting all eleven Cities of Friesland on one day since 1760. The Elfstedentocht was already part of Frisian tradition when, in 1890, Pim Mulier conceived the idea of an organised tour, which was first held in 1909, when 22 men competed. After this race, the Vereniging De Friesche Elf Steden (Association of the Eleven Frisian Towns) was established to organise the tours. In the 1912 edition Jikke Gaastra was the first woman ever who finished the Elfstedentocht, but couldn't complete the full tour because the ice wasn't good enough after Sneek. In the 1917 edition Janna van der Weg was the first woman, who finished the tour.

The winters of 1939/40, 1940/41 and 1941/42 were particularly severe, with the race being run in each of them. The 1940 race, run three months prior to the German invasion of the Netherlands, saw over 3,000 competitors start at 05:00 on 30 January, with the first five finishing at 16:34. The event dominated the front pages of Dutch newspapers.

The Elfstedentocht of 1963 became known as "The hell of '63", when only 69 of the 10,000 participants were able to finish the race, due to the extremely low temperatures of -18 °C, powder snow and a harsh Eastern wind. Conditions were so horrendous that the 1963 winner, Reinier Paping, became a national hero and the tour itself legendary. Paping could not make out the finishing line as he was snow blind by the end of the race; and many of the contestants suffered from frostbite, broken limbs and damaged eves.

The next Elfstedentocht after 1963 was held in 1985; times had changed. Before, one of the best methods to stay warm during the tour was to wear newspapers underneath the clothes. In the 20 years between the tours of 1963 and 1985, clothing, training methods and skates became much more advanced, changing the nature of skating.

The most **recent** versions of the **Elfstedentocht** took place in 1985, 1986 and 1997. Evert van Benthem was the winner in both 1986 and 1987. The tour of 1985 was terminated prematurely because of thawing as early as 22:00 in the evening - skaters were taken off the ice. In 1986 the current Dutch King (at the time still Crown Prince) Willem-Alexander completed the Elfstedentocht under the name W.A. van Buren. Van Buren being a traditional pseudonym of the Royal House. In 1997 Piet Kleine, who had previously won a gold medal at the Olympics for speed skating was disqualified because he missed getting a stamp at Hindeloopen despite video evidence that he had been there. More information on and interesting details of this uniquely Dutch event you can find on: https://www.holland.com/global/tourism/ destinations/provinces/friesland/eleven-citiestour-2-1.htm

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1997. The Skaters race though Francker.

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Some letters, e.g. the letters E and A and S can occur more often then others e.g. the letters Q, X or Z.

Results of last month's Bonus TOP CODEWORD.

This puzzle was not easy at all. Even once the words Piccolo, Poncho and Ignition were found, the rest was still hard.

The letter codes for last month's Top Codebreaker was as follows:

A=1; B=17; C=14; D=20; E=16; F=2; G=22; H=21; I=13; J=12; K=8, L=6; M=18; N=23; O=7; P=26; *Q*=24; *R*=9; *S*=3; *T*=19; *U*=5; *V*=25; \widetilde{W} =15; X=4; Y=10; Z=11.

Results of last month's Bonus **BOTTOM CODEWORD.**

This puzzle was easier, if you had completed the above puzzle first. So once the words Stacato, Asbestos and Jetset were found, the rest was easy.

The letter codes for last month's bottom Codebreaker was as follows: A=23; B=26; C=25; D=22; E=13; F=7; G=12; H=9; I=17; J=4; K=6; L=10; M=15; N=19; O=14; P=24; Q=21; R=1; S=2; T=3; U=8; V=18; W=16; X=5; Y=11; Z=20.

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Sudoku Puzzles

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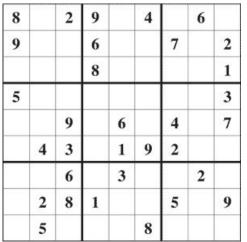
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Sudoku 64 Mod. Puzzle



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Last month's Sudoku Easy 63 solution.

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Last month's Sudoku Moderate 63 solution.

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